

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA
701 NORTH FOURTH STREET
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

Commissioners Attending

Voting Members

Karen Moss-Barnes – Vice Chair
Sandra Cavalier
Kellie Duhon
Carissa Graves
Leslie Hill
Mitzi Hochheiser – Chair
Lee Jeter
Greta Jones
Angela Jouett
Julie LaFleur - Treasurer
Patrick Lawler
Grant Shreiner
Kyle Wedberg

Ex-Officio Members

Vickie Schenk, *CNCS State Office*

Ex-Officio Members Absent

John Bel Edwards, Governor
Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor

Commissioners Absent

Kristan Gordon
Ryan Haynie
Gwen Hilliard - Secretary
Paul Pratt
William Stoudt
Mark Vilar

Staff Attending:

Judd Jeansonne
Jawonna Mason
Tammy Son
Stephanie Trahan
Kori Chisham

Staff Absent:

None

Prior to the meeting a New Commissioner Orientation was held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mitzi Hochheiser called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM. Commissioners introduced themselves and roll was called. 13 voting Commissioners were present; a quorum was declared.

Commissioner contact information sheet was distributed for review.

COMMISSIONER EDUCATION

A presentation on the Commission role in disaster response was given. Angela Jouett, Commissioner and with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, gave a report on the response to Hurricane Harvey. Karen Ewing, board member with Rebuilding Together Baton Rouge, gave

report on long-term recovery from the August floods. Kori Chisham wrapped up the presentation with an update on Volunteer Louisiana's response to Hurricane Harvey.

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented. Leslie Hill moved to approve the minutes with a second by Julie LaFleur; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Julie LaFleur presented the Treasurer's Report and reviewed the budget and funding streams. Judd Jeansonne and Jawonna Mason answered questions about VGF funds, in-kind match, and Commission Investment Fund (CIF).

Lee Jeter made a motion to accept the report as presented; Angela Jouett seconded the motion; motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Judd Jeansonne gave an update on the state of national service, including funding status. He also presented updates on Volunteer Louisiana activities, the new Louisiana Conservation Corps national direct program, state swearing in ceremony, and Champions of Service award event. Judd also presented a status update on the Volunteer Louisiana Foundation, Volunteer Generation Fund grant, and Harvey CIF supplemental.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mitzi Hochheiser began with review and presentation of by-law changes. By-law changes on Personnel, Mission, Organization and Membership were all passed unanimously. Mitzi stated her goals for commissioner engagement, brand recognition, fiscal oversight, fidelity to by-laws, and committee involvement and reporting. Discussion on need for sub-committee on marketing and branding. There was a question on background checks for board members and it was stated that all members are vetted and checked through the Governor's office on Boards and Commissions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Carissa Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kyle Wedberg seconded the motion; motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Convening of Committees took place following the meeting.